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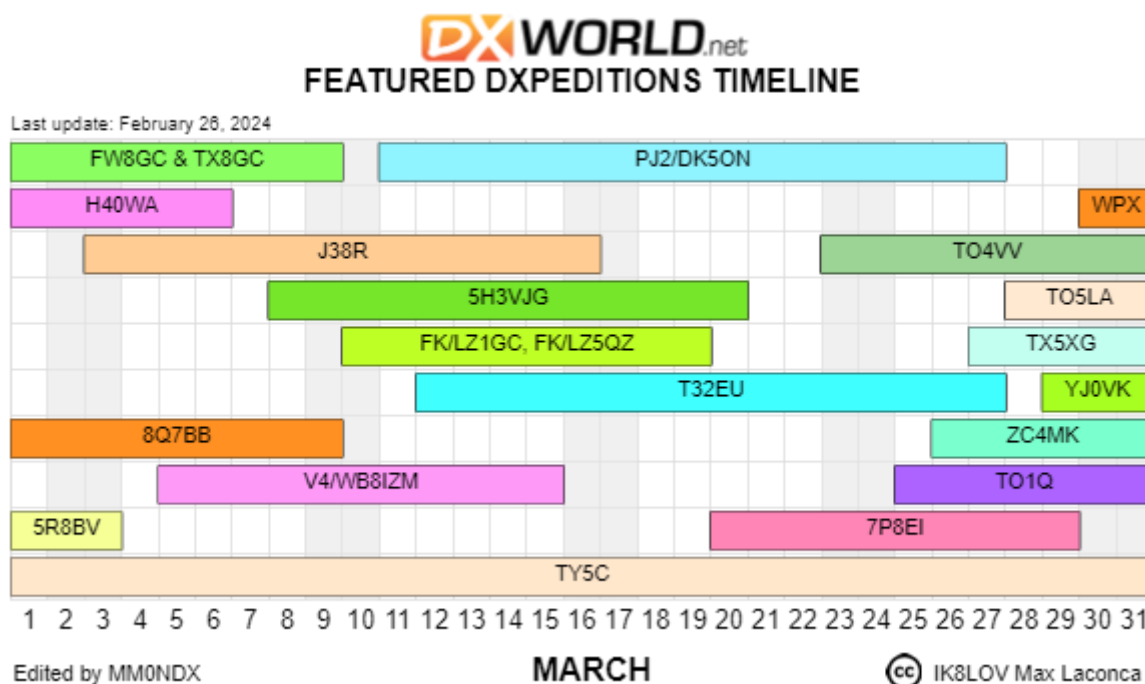
## **DX NEWS**

### **H40WA Temotu Province –update February 26**

The H40WA team is very busy running around the clock. Here are some photos of our team in action. We hope to see you in our logs! We know that some of you are concerned about missing QSOs in Club Log. We are using a network of laptops along with a master server that receives and stores all log data. We then use Starlink to frequently upload the QSO data to Club Log and Livestream. We see frequent drops in our Starlink connections which pauses the upload of data. We also have to power down our stations every few days to change the oil. Rest assured that all QSO data is retained on our master server and will be re-synchronized with Club log at the earliest opportunity. Lastly, if you don't see your QSOs after a few days, please work us again.



# DXCC Timeline



## DXCC

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

#### **VK and ZL travels by GM4DLG**

Look for Bob, GM4DLG active from the following locations until March 9:

**VK9L – Lord Howe Island** February 27-March 3

**VK7 – Tasmania** March 5-9

QRV on SSB only (100w) 20-40-80m using 2-element vertical arrays for each band next to the water.

#### **3D2, A3 and 5W tour**

Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL are active from Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. Activity from Tokelau is postponed for the end of 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

**3D2 FIJI:** until March 1

3D2AD (YT1AD)

3D2AB (YU3AA)

3D2LY (UA9OYL)

3D2RC (RC9O)

5W0RC (RC9O)

<http://www.yt1ad.info/pac24/>

**DK7PE Caribbean Tour** Continuing his Caribbean tour (so far Rudi has visited and operated from [C6](#), [VP5](#), [VP2E](#), [FJ](#)), DK7PE is now QRV from St. Eustatius as PJ5/DK7PE. Activity has been on 40-30-17-15m, CW.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**5R, MADAGASCAR** Borut, S53BV is operating as 5R8BV from Nosy Be Island until March 3. Activity on 80 and 40 meter using CW and SSB. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**6W, SENEGAL** Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon

between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Sergey, RX3APM is once again operating as 8Q7BB until March 9. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

**CO, CUBA** During February 29- March 4, the Havana Contest Group and 7163 Group will operate the special callsign T42T during the ARRL International DX Contest from outside of Havana, Cuba. The team will consist of six Cuban and an equal number of USA operators. They will operate on 160 thru 6 meters before, during and after the contest. QSL via WB2REM.

**CU, AZORES** CQ8M, part of CU2ARA and in collaboration with CU7CRA, will be active during the ARRL SSB DX CONTEST from Faial island in the Azores Islands.

**CU, AZORES** The Radio Arcala group (OH2GEK, OH2BH, OH2UA, OH6KN, OH8NC, CS8ABG, CU2CE and CU2DX) will be active during the ARRL SSB contest (March 2-3) from the Azores as CR2X. Prior to the contest, including maintenance this coming week, they will be testing the set up as CU2KG, CU2KH and CU2KI. QSL for CR2X via OH2BH.



**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are active as TO3Z (contest) until March 17. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 2-3) is included. Outside the contest they operate in 'holiday-style' as FG/calls. QSL via F6HMQ.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Starting soon, and lasting until approx May, look for Alain FK/FO4AE and Patricia FK/FO4EF to be active sporadically from Noumea, New Caledonia. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of FK8IK. QSL via LoTW. Visit FO4EF blog here.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Look for Francis FM/F6BWJ until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Geri, DK5KW is QRV from Tahiti as TX0QRP until March 3. QRP activity with 3 Watts using mainly CW and perhaps some FT8. QSL via home call.

**FR, REUNION** Thierry, FY4JI is active as FR4AV until March 11. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ are active as FW8GC and TX8GC until March 9. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA until March 7. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>

**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

**J3, GRENADA** Martin, DB4BJ is QRV as J3/call until March 7. Using low power and a vertical. QSL via home call.

**J3, GRENADA** A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. <https://rockall.be/>

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Last active in May 2021, Tom NL7RR has been QRV on/off from Wake Island since early-February. He is a contractor working on the island and is active when time permits for the next week or so. Activity on 40-20-10m SSB. QSL via AL7JX, LoTW.

**KP2, VIRGIN ISL** Look for NP2R (KC1KUG, W3MLJ, WO5T) from St Thomas until March 4. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via KC3UII, LoTW.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as PJ5/call until March 3. Activity on HF and in contests with the call PJ5Z. QSL via Club Log. <https://pj5-2024.dxpedititions.org/>

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE is again QRV as PJ7EE until March 6. Operation in 'holiday-style' using primarily CW. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. Time will also be spent trying to work smaller Asian stations and other difficult path entities on 10-20 meters. QSL via LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Hiro, JH6GRY is active as T88GF until March 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TY, BENIN** Look for Gerard F5NVF, Luc F5RAV and Abdel M0NPT as TY5C between March 2 and March 29. Activity on HF using CW, SSB, FT8 and sat QO-100. QSL via F5RAV direct and LoTW.

**TZ, MALI** Jeff, K1MMB is once again active from Bamako as TZ4AM. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Also 6 meter with a beacon as TZ6HY/B, when the bands opens he will be QRV there. QSL via KX4R.

### On the scene...FW8GC and TX8GC Wallis and Futuna



**V3, BELIZE** Uwe, DL8UD is active as V31KO until March 6. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**V4, ST KITTS** Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) is active as V4/call until March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** Greg, WB8IZM will be operating as V4/call between March 5 and March 15. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Frank, DL7ATA is on a road trip until March 23. Operation during his evening hours as V5/call using SSB. QSL via home call.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Look for Rudi DK7PE as VP2ERK the coming days. Focus on 30 and maybe 60 meter.

**On the scene...left to right Teddy VP2ETE, Keith VP2EKG and Rudi VP2ERK**



**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Recently active from New Providence Island in the Bahamas, Rudi DK7PE moves on today to Turks & Caicos. Look for VP5/DK7PE on CW. After VP5 he will travel to Anguilla VP2E.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Henry W6NYC is once again active as VP5/W6NYC until March 1. QRV mainly on 40 and 20 meter using FT8 with some SSB (using an IC-705, AH-705 tuner, and a few wires antennas). QSL via LoTW.

**Z3, MACEDONIA** Al, DJ0LZ is QRV as Z36T until March 25.



## Coming up soon

**5H, TANZANIA** Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via M00XO.

**CN, MOROCCO** Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco during March

10-23. Also plans to operate as CN2YD/p from AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD.  
**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March 10-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>  
**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

**T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI** A German team with DF4GV, DK2AMM, DL4SVA, DJ7TO, DL1KWK and DL2AWG will be active between March 12 and March 27. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU. QSL via DL2AWG.

## IOTA

### **This week on air**

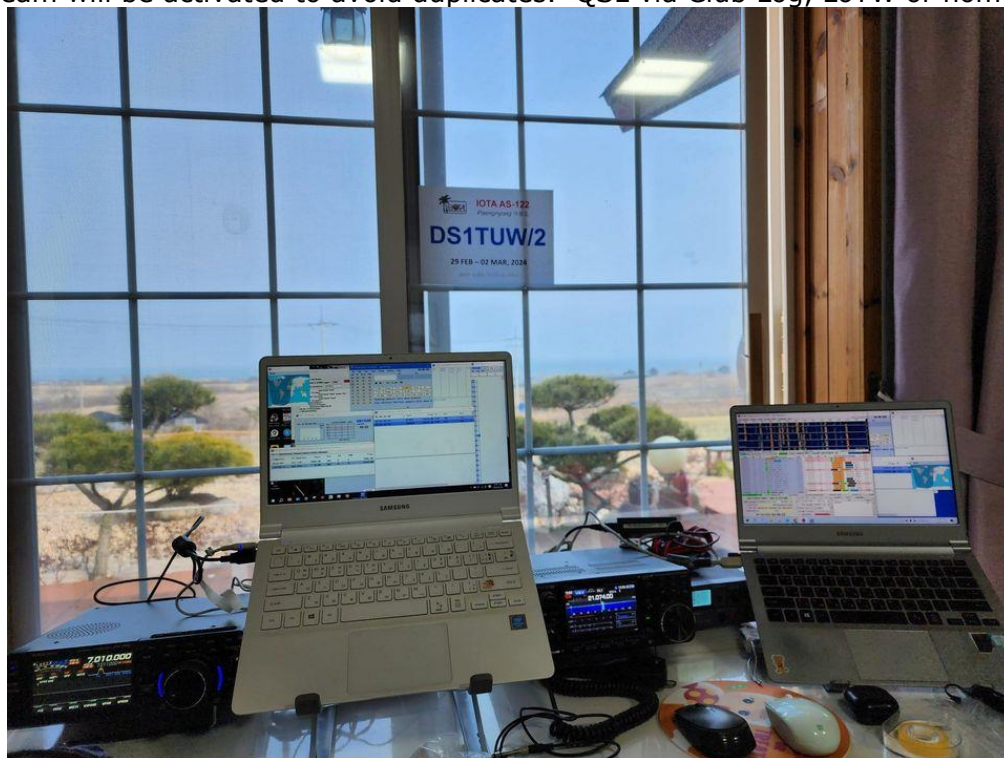
#### AFRICA

**AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl** Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until end March. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW and QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW or home call.

#### ASIA

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take JS6RRR is operating as JJ3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

**AS-122 Paengnyong Isl** Ji, DS1TUW will once again be QRV as call/2 between February 29 and March 3. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8, depending the propagation. Club Log Live stream will be activated to avoid duplicates. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or home call.



#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-075 Gabriola Isl** Mike, VE7ACN/7 will be QRV during February 29 and March 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 (using a K3 + Expert 1.3K-FA Power: full legal pwr = 1 K). QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

## **Coming up soon**

#### ASIA

**AS-058 Langkawi Isl** Jacek SP5APW got in touch to mention: *'I'm going to Malaysia in March 2024 and will be active from the island of Langkawi (AS-058) between March 9-17. The callsign assigned to me is 9W2/SP5APW. I will be working on 10-20m bands FT8/SSB using wire antenna*

*but the main focus is on the 6m band where I will operate using 4 element yagi.'*

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-028 Ilha dos Búzios** A team with PY4YY, PY4KM, PY2ITM, PY2AE and PS8RV will be active as ZZ2FF from Ilha dos Búzios during March 15-17. QRV on 80-40-20-15-10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via PY4YY.

## **ANTARCTIC BASES**

**Casey Station** Previously active in 2018-2019 from Macquarie Island as VK0AI, operator Norbert VK5MQ is now QRV from Casey Station when time permits. Operation until early March. QSL via VK5MQ.

**Davis Base** Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

**Neumayer III** Felix, DL5XL is again QRV as DP1POL from the German research station "Neumayer III", Antarctica (AN-016) until early March. In his spare time he will operate mainly CW, with some digimode and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or via DL1ZBO; QSOs will also be uploaded to Club Log.

**Vernadsky Research Base** Andrii, UT3UTQ, currently signs EM1UTQ from the Ukrainian base Akademik Vernadskyi on Galindez Island. Serhii, UW5EHR, is also there and operates as EM1EHR. Both are members of the current Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition and will stay until the end of March.

### **Back in time...H40YM Temotu 2018 operation**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**8Q, MALDIVES** Felix, DL6JF will be operating from Helengeli as 8Q7JF between June 16 and June 29. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW and digi. QSL via DM5JBN, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Tim, N5TCH will be operating as V4/call between May 10 and May 17. Activity on HF during his spare time (mainly his mornings). QSL via QRZ.com and LoTW.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

## **THE REMINDERS**

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

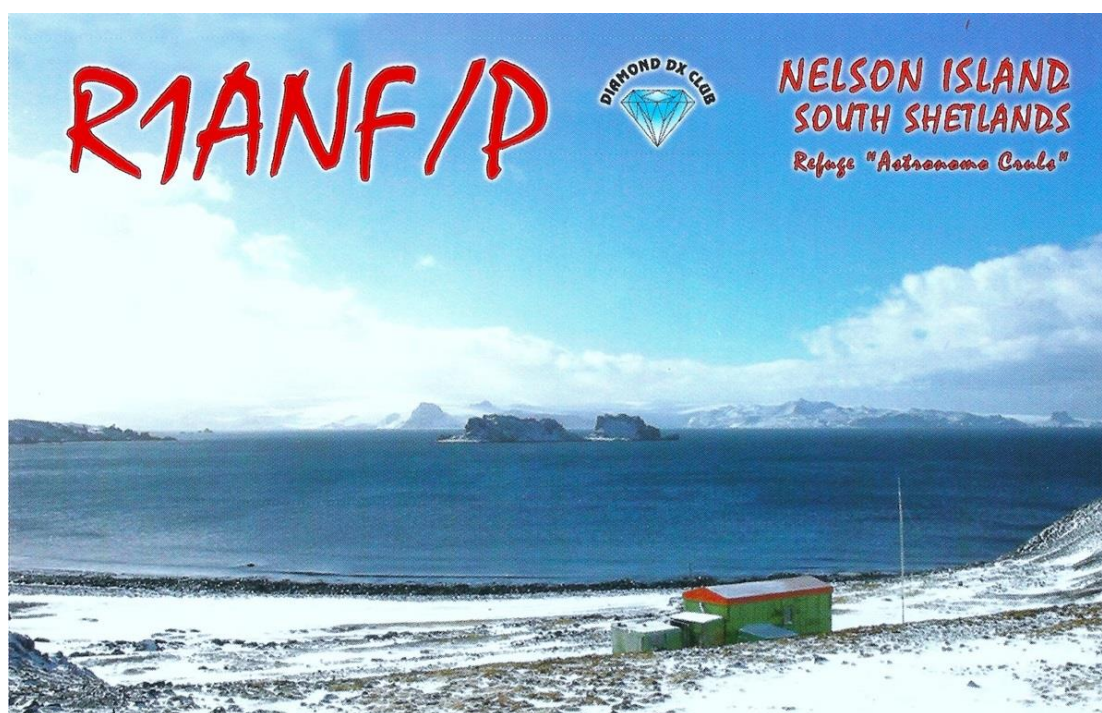
**6O, SOMALIA** Team 6O3T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 20-29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Tev, TA1HZ will be operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island between April 6 and April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.



**A5, BHUTAN** Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.'*

*We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'*

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q from March 25 for 2 weeks. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 23-31, April 6-7, April 13-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Ros 4Z5LA and Ruben 4Z5FI will be operating as TO5LA between March 28 and April 2. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is

included. QSL via 4Z5FI.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 27 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

### On the scene...8R7X Guyana, now QRT



**J6, ST LUCIA** Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

*'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'*

**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**JW, SVALBARD** Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**KH0, MARIANA ISL** Toshi, JH6HZH will be operating as KH0/call between April 24 and May 1. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW between March 15-24. Operation mainly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

**TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

**V4, ST KITTS** BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Gerben, PG5M will be operating as VP6G between April 4 and April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>

### On the scene...CB0ZA meets 8R7X @ Miami, Florida



**YJ, VANUATU** Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ, Matt K0BBC and Chris VK3QB will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu on 40 through to 6 metres from 29 March until 11 April. For the first week their focus will be on SSB and CW, with FT8 as a 'back-fill' mode. The second week will be CW and FT8. Updates to follow here and Facebook plus DX-World.net.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'*

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between March 26 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-005 Santiago Isl** Harald DF2WO / D44TWO (FT8 and CW) and Franz DG9KAN / D44KAN (SSB) will once again be active between June 8 and June 20. Operation mainly on 6 meter using FT8 and CW on all bands. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>



### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-029 Lolland Isl** A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-056 Isla de la Juventud** A group of 9 Cuban operators will be QRV as T44DX between March 21-25. Operation on HF and VHF using various modes and SAT's. QSL via RW6HS and LoTW.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-063 Mangareva Isl** Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21.

Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

**OC-144 Mendanau Isl** Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

**OC-144 Ketawai Isl** The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands.

Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.

**OC-261 Flinders Isl** The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use CLub Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#) . We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

### **On the scene...H40WA Temotu, building the 160m vertical**



## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**I, ITALY** Special callsign **1Y9MM** will be active on 1-31 March to memorialize the experiments conducted by Guglielmo Marconi from the ship "Regina Elena" in the port of Augusta (9 March 1914). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to IT9MRM. (TNX 425DX)

**VE, CANADA** Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as **VO1TAP** from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS "Truxtun" and USS "Pollux" naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. QSL via LoTW. See <https://grassrootsarc.weebly.com/vo1tap.html> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

## **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA** Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA** **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)



**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB2OSP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

**HS, THAILAND** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, RAST members will be active as **HS6ORAST** from 10 February to 10 March. QSL via HS6MYW. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR

(September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 14allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ235IR** (February), **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE40WO** celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

**SM, SWEDEN SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

**SM, SWEDEN SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatörer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** Celebrating the Scandinavian CW Activity Group's 50th anniversary, special callsign **SC50AG** will be active during February. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)



**TA, TURKEY TC6EQ** draws attention to the tragic earthquake one year ago and to the death of Mustafa, TA8DX. QRV during February. An award is also available: <https://tadx.org/awards>. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

**YO, ROMANIA** Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR**, **YR95CC**, **YR95CH**, **YR95IN**, **YR95LI**, **YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was

established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>



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